

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Department of Education invites expression of interest from national and international consortia of service providers/suppliers with proven experience in the field of Information and Communication Technologies to the following range of products and services over a period of 3 - 5 years:

- ± 345 000 laptops;
- connectivity and e-mail accounts associated with the laptops;
- warranties;
- insurance; and
- training opportunities.

Interested parties are also invited to provide as separate proposals:

- a submission on project management for the initiative; and
- a detailed solution/proposal on funding options for the initiative.

Interested service providers/suppliers must be capable to interact with a large number of individual consumers across the whole country including ordering, delivering and after-sales care and support. The purpose of this invitation is to obtain information in respect of the products and services that will be available in the private sector to assess market appetite and capability in respect of the provision and distribution of laptops to education.

Interested parties are hereby invited to submit non binding information in the prescribed format to register their interest. Full details and minimum specifications can be obtained from:

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Acceptable submissions will be identified and the suppliers/service providers will be invited to present their solution to the Department of Education. If the initiative is deemed feasible and viable, a bid will follow.

Interested parties are advised that they should not contact any of the Department of Education's officials on any matter related to this initiative. Any correspondence received in this regard will not be answered.

Submission addressed to the Project Manager and clearly marked '**Expression of Interest: Department of Education Laptops**', can be posted or hand delivered on or before 7 October 2008 at the following address:

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